



Agricultural Summary: Last week's weather was a mixed bag, with isolated rains slowing planting progress in some areas and warm and windy conditions prevailing in others. Areas experiencing cooler temperatures saw crop progress slow, but crop and pasture conditions remained stable over the week. Producers averaged 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Winter wheat planting and corn harvesting continued as the major activities. Topsoil moisture was rated 13 percent very short, 23 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 23 percent very short, 37 percent short, 39 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Field Crop Report: Twenty-four percent of the **wheat** has been planted, compared to 28 percent last year and 29 percent for the 5-year average. Six percent has emerged, two points behind last year and four points behind the 5-year average. Ninety-three percent of the **corn** is mature, compared to 87 percent last year and 89 percent for the 5-year average. Forty-two percent has been harvested, compared to 41 percent last year and 43 percent for the 5-year average. Strong winds in some areas damaged some corn. Corn condition was rated 14 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 24 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. Eighty-four percent of the **sorghum** is in the coloring stage, compared to 91 percent last year and 90 percent for the 5-year average. Thirty-eight percent of the sorghum is mature, compared to 40 percent last year and 48 percent for the 5-year average. Fourteen percent has been harvested, compared to 12 percent last year and 17 percent for the 5-year average. Sorghum condition was rated 9 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 28 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Sixty-four percent of the **soybeans** were dropping leaves, compared to 65 percent last year and 69 percent for the 5-year average. Two percent has been harvested, compared to 7 percent last year and 10 percent for the 5-year average. Soybean condition was rated 7 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 27 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Eighty-one percent of the **sunflowers** are in the ray flowers dry stage, compared to 90 percent last year and 92 percent for the 5-year average. Seventy-three percent are in the bracts yellow stage, compared to 65 percent last year and 77 percent for the 5-year average. Twenty-six percent are in the mature dry down stage, compared to 28 percent last year and 35 percent for the 5-year average. Three percent have been harvested, compared to 7 percent last year and 10 percent for the 5-year average. Sunflower condition was rated 8 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 37 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Sixty-six percent of the fourth cutting of **alfalfa** has been harvested, compared to 82 percent last year and 73 percent for the 5-year average. Twenty-two percent of the **cotton** is in the bolls open stage, compared to 36 percent last year and 35 percent for the 5-year average. Cotton condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 5 percent excellent.

Pasture and Range Report: Range and pasture conditions were rated 14 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 17 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 13 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated 12 percent very short, 34 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 24 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

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CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 09/24/06

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	14	21	36	24	5
Soybeans	7	19	41	27	6
Sorghum	9	21	35	28	7
Range & Pasture	14	29	37	17	3

CROP PROGRESS BY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICT AS OF 09/24/06

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	5-YR AVG.
Wheat Plant	43	20	46	8	11	30	14	16	11	24	13	28	29
Soyb Shedd	61	60	40	73	63	75	73	74	37	64	44	65	69
Sorg Colored	89	60	78	89	72	93	98	97	94	84	78	91	90
Sorg Mature	29	28	15	35	27	63	65	58	69	38	27	40	48
Sorg Harvest	2	3	6	2	13	35	3	24	50	14	10	12	17
Corn Mature	87	73	97	91	92	96	92	99	99	93	82	87	89
Corn Harvest	9	30	45	17	63	60	32	80	92	42	30	41	43

DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 09/24/06

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.3	7.0	6.4	4.2	4.1	6.8	3.1	5.1	5.9	5.1	5.8	6.2
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	1	15	18	8	4	18	0	7	43	13	12	4
Short	15	37	36	8	30	29	1	32	34	23	29	25
Adequate	84	48	46	84	65	50	84	61	23	62	55	68
Surplus	0	0	0	0	1	3	15	0	0	2	4	3
Subsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	19	45	38	18	4	22	10	13	57	23	24	8
Short	48	35	33	23	46	38	23	52	34	37	40	31
Adequate	33	20	29	59	48	38	67	35	9	39	36	61
Surplus	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0

		Temperature								Temperature					
Station		Air			Soil 4"	Precip		Station		Air			Soil 4"	Precip	
Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min		Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	
NW	Colby	79	34	55	74	46	1.09	SC	Hesston	84	40	62	76	60	0.11
WC	Tribune	87	35	55	73	56	0.08	NE	Powhatt	78	41	59	74	57	0.48
SW	Grdn Cty	89	39	59	82	57	0.02	NE	Manhat	79	42	60	72	59	0.41
NC	Scandia	79	39	58	71	51	1.25	EC	Ottawa	81	44	61	73	57	0.48
C	Hays	88	37	60	71	51	0.41	EC	Slvr Lk	79	41	61	71	58	0.36
SC	Hutch	87	40	63	72	62	0.06	EC	Rossvl	79	40	61	72	60	0.52
SC	St John	87	42	63	76	51	0.08	SE	Parsons	84	41	63	76	64	0.01

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PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

